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VELSICOL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, 5600 N. River Road Rosemont, Illinois 60018

and

NWI LAND MANAGEMENT CO., 6300 Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606

and

FRUIT OF THE LOOM, INC., 6300 Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606

Plaintiffs,

vs.

A.E. STALEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 2200 E. ElDorado Street Decatur, Illinois 62525

and

Helenkorlunger 301 229 5526 HON. Nicholas H. Politan

Civil Action No. 96-3610 (NHP)

COMPLAINT

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AIRCO INDUSTRIAL GASES
(f/k/a AIRCO, INC. and a/k/a Air
Reduction Company, Inc.),
575 Mountain Avenue
New Providence, New Jersey 07974

and

ALLIED CHEMICAL CORPORATION, 101 Columbia Road Morristown, New Jersey 07962

and

ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA (ALCOA), 1501 Alcoa Building Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

and

AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY, One Cyanamid Plaza Wayne, New Jersey 07470

and

ARSYNCO, INC., 13th Street Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072

and

ASHLAND CHEMICAL CO., a Division of Ashland Oil, Inc., P.O. Box 2219 Columbus, Ohio 43216

and

BAILEY CONTROLS CO., (f/k/a Bailey Meter Company), 29801 Euclid Avenue Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

and

BASF CORPORATION,

(f/k/a and d/b/a Inmont Corporation; and as successor to Wyandotte
Chemical Corp.),

9 Campus Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

and

BECTON-DICKINSON & CO., INC., One Becton Drive Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

and

BELFORT INSTRUMENT CO., 727 S. Wolfe Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231-3536

and

BELMONT METALS, INC.

(f/k/a Belmont Smelting & Refining : Works, Inc.),

330 Belmont Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11207

and

CANADIAN GYPSUM COMPANY, LTD., 256 Rochester Winnipeg, MB R3T 3W2

and

CANRAD, INC., c/o Canrad Precision Industries, Inc. 100 Chestnut Street Newark, NJ 07105

and

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
President's Office
116 Stanton Street
New York, New York 10002-1500
Dr. George Rupp - University
President

and

CONOPCO, INC.
(Cheseborough Ponds USA Co.
Division),
33 Benedict Plaza
Box 6000
Greenwich, Connecticut 06836

COSAN CHEMICAL CORP., 400 14th Street Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072

and

CROUSE-HINDS SEPCO CORPORATION (f/k/a Connecticut International), 1200 Kennedy Road Windsor, Connecticut 06095

and

CROWN ZELLERBACH CORP.
(n/k/a James River Corporation of Nevada),
The Corporation Trust Co.
820 Bear Tavern Road
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

and

CURTISS-WRIGHT, 1200 Wall Street West Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071

and

D.F. GOLDSMITH CHEMICAL & METAL CORPORATION, 909 Pitner Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60602

and

DAY & BALDWIN
(f/k/a C-P Pharmaceuticals, Inc.),
U.S. Corp. Company
15 Exchange Place
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

and

DIAMOND SHAMROCK CHEMICALS
COMPANY
(n/k/a Occidental Electrochemicals
Corporation),
The Corporation Trust Company
820 Bear Tavern Road
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

DOW-CORNING CORPORATION, P.O. Box 994 Midland, Michigan 48674

and

DURA ELECTRIC LAMP CO., INC., 62 E. Bigelow Street Newark, New Jersey 07114

and

DURACELL, INC.
(as successor to Mallory Battery Co., Inc.),
Berkshire Industrial Park
Bethel, Connecticut 06801

and

E.I. DuPONT de NEMOURS & CO., INC.,: 1007 Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19898

and

EASTERN SMELTING & REFINING CORPORATION, 37-39 Bubier Street Lynn, Massachusetts 01901

and

ENGLEHARD MINERALS AND CHEMICALS CORPORATION, 1209 Orange Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801

and

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEMS, 40 Norwell Drive North Branford, Connecticut 06471-1818

and

EXXON CORPORATION, U.S.A., : 225 East John W. Carpenter Parkway : Irving, Texas 10537 ::

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20591

and

FMC CORPORATION, 200 E. Randolph Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601

and

GARFIELD BARING CORPORATION,
(f/k/a Garfield Smelting & Refining:
Co.),
c/o Edward J. Bakes
1305 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

and

GENERAL COLOR CO., INC., 24 B Avenue Newark, New Jersey 07114-2652

and

GENERAL SIGNAL CORPORATION, 1 High Ridge Park Stamford, Connecticut 06904

and

GILMARTIN INSTRUMENT CO., c/o Phyllis A. Gilmartin 91 Willow Avenue Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

and

HARTFORD ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC. 571 New Park Avenue
West Hartford, Connecticut
06110-1347

and

HENKEL CORPORATION,
2200 Renaissance Blvd.
Suite 200 (Gulph Mills)
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406:

HOFFMAN-LaROCHE, INC., 340 Kingsland Street Nutley, New Jersey 07110

and

HUDSAR, INCORPORATED, 373 South Street Newark, New Jersey 07015

and

INMAR ASSOCIATES, INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

INMAR REALTY, INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL, INC., Park 80 West Plaza Two Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662

and

J.M. NEY COMPANY, Ney Industrial Park Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

and

K.E.M. CHEMICAL COMPANY, 545 S. Fulton Avenue Mount Vernon, New York 10550-5099

and

KOPPERS (n/k/a Beazer East, Inc.), : 436 Seventh Avenue : Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 :

and

MAGNESIUM ELEKTRON, INC., 5 500 Point Breeze Road Flemington, New Jersey 08822

MARVIN H. MAHAN, 2250 Windsor Way Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL, INC., 16305 Swingley Ridge Drive Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

and

MARISOL, INC., 125 Factory Lane Middlesex, New Jersey 08846

and

MERCK & CO., INC., P.O. Box 2000 Rahway, New Jersey 07065

and

MERCURY ENTERPRISE, INC.
(f/k/a Mercury Instrument)
Mercury Instrument Service
3 Alto Road
Burlington, Connecticut 06013-1905:

and

MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 3M Center St. Paul, Minnesota 55144

and

MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, 150 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

and

MT. UNION COLLEGE, 1972 Clark Avenue Alliance, Ohio 44601-3993

M.W. KELLOGG CO., 601 Jefferson Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

and

NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY (Goldsmith Brothers Division), 44 State Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07303

and

NEPERA, INC., Route 17 Harriman, New York 10926

and

NEW ENGLAND LAMINATES CO., INC., Elm Street Waldon, New York 12586

and

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (f/k/a Newark College of Engineering), University Heights Martin Luther King Boulevard Newark, New Jersey 07102

and

NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, New York Transit Authority 370 Jay Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

and

NORTHEAST CHEMICAL CO.
(Northeast Chemical & Industrial Supply Co., Inc.),
7 Thompson Lane
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL
CORPORATION
(as successor to Diamond
Shamrock Chemical Co.,
formerly Diamond Shamrock
Corporation),
Occidental Tower
5005 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75244

and

OLIN CORPORATION
(f/k/a Olin Mathieson Chemical
Corporation),
120 Long Ridge Road
Stamford, Connecticut 06904

and

PEASE & CURREN, INC., 75 Pennsylvania Avenue Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

and

PFIZER, INC., 235 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

and

PHILLIPS & JACOBS, INC., 15 Twinbridge Drive Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110-4201

and

PSG INDUSTRIES, INC. (f/k/a Philadelphia Scientific Glass, Inc.) 1225 Tunnel Road Perkasie, PA 18944

and

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS (PSE&G), 80 Park Plaza Newark, New Jersey 07102

PURE LAB OF AMERICA, 291 Washington Street Westwood, Massachusetts 02090

and

RANDOLPH PRODUCTS COMPANY, Park Place East Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072

and

RAY-O-VAC DIVISION OF ESB, INC. (ESB, INC.), 55 Versailles Court Trenton, New Jersey 08619

and

REDLAND MINERALS LIMITED, Redland House Reigate, Surrey, England (U.K.) RH2 OSJ

and

RHÔNE-POULENC, INC. (f/k/a Alcolac Chemical Company/ Guard Chemical Company), 125 Black Horse Lane Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

and

ROYCE ASSOCIATES, (f/k/a Royce Chemical), c/o W.J. Donnellon 35 Carlton Avenue East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073

and

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY, c/o Jean W. Sidar Room 207 - Old Queens Rutgers New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

and

SCIENTIFIC CHEMICAL PROCESSING, INC., 18 Glen Road Rutherford, New Jersey 07070 and

SCIENTIFIC CHEMICAL TREATMENT CO., INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

SCIENTIFIC, INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

SEAFORTH MINERAL & ORE CO., 3690 Orange Place, Suite 495 Cleveland, Ohio 44122

and

SPARROW REALTY, INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

and

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO (S.U.N.Y.A.B.), 1400 Washington Avenue Albany, New York 12222

and

SYLVANIA/GTE, 1 Stamford Forum Stamford, Connecticut 06901

and

TENNECO, INC., 1010 Milam Street Houston, Texas 77002

and

TRANSTECH INDUSTRIES, INC., 1703 East 2nd Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

UEHLING INSTRUMENT CO., INC., 473 Getty Avenue Paterson, New Jersey 07503

and

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION, 29 Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, Connecticut 06810

and

UNIVERSAL OIL PRODUCTS CO., Columbia Road and Park Avenue Morristown, New Jersey 07960

and

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 364 Henry Administration Building 506 South Wright Street Urbana, Illinois 61801

and

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, President's Office 100 Church Street South East Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

and

VAR-LAC-OID CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC., 13 Foster Street P.O. Box 181 Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

and

W.A. BAUM CO., INC., 620 Oak Street Copiaque, New York 11726

and

WAGNER ELECTRIC COMPANY,
R.D. 2 - Box 280A
Pleasant Valley Road
Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, 1300 Siebert Administration Bldg. Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

and

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION, 11 Stanwix Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

and

JOHN DOE 1-100

Defendants

Jointly, severally, and in the alternative.

Plaintiffs, Velsicol Chemical Corporation ("Velsicol"),
Fruit of the Loom, Inc. ("Fruit of the Loom"), and NWI Land
Management Corporation ("NWI Land Management"), state as follows
for their Complaint against the Defendants:

#### NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is a civil action for declaratory and equitable relief, monetary damages, and response costs incurred and to be incurred by Plaintiffs in response to environmental conditions at the Ventron/Velsicol Site (the "Site") and/or the Berry's Creek Area in Bergen County, New Jersey, as defined herein, under the authority of: (i) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.; (ii) the New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act ("Spill Act"), N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.; (iii) the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §2201 et seq.; and (iv) principles of common law.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331, 1367, 2201, and 2202, and Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§9607 and 9613, and has pendent and ancillary jurisdiction over the claims arising under state statutory and federal and state common law.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) and Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§9607 and 9613, because the release of hazardous substances that give rise to these claims occurred in this District, because the real property that is the subject of this action is located within this District, and because a substantial part of the events or

omissions giving rise to these claims occurred within this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiff Velsicol is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware which is authorized to do business in New Jersey. Plaintiff Fruit of the Loom is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware which is authorized to do business in New Jersey. Plaintiff NWI Land Management is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware which is authorized to do business in New Jersey. On or about December 12, 1986, Plaintiffs Fruit of the Loom and NWI Land Management assumed the liabilities of Velsicol in connection with the environmental study and remediation of the Site and the Berry's Creek Area and agreed to indemnify Velsicol for such liabilities.
- 5. Defendant A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company ("A.E. Staley") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 2200 E. ElDorado Street, Decatur, Illinois 62525.
- 6. Defendant AIRCO Industrial Gases (f/k/a AIRCO, INC. a/k/a Air Reduction Company, Inc.) ("AIRCO") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 575 Mountain Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey 07974.
- 7. Defendant Allied Chemical Corporation ("Allied") is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 101 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07962.

- 8. Defendant Aluminum Company of America ("ALCOA") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1501 Alcoa Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.
- 9. Defendant American Cyanamid Company ("Cyanamid") is a Maine corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at One Cyanamid Plaza, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.
- 10. Defendant Arsynco, Inc. ("Arsynco") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 13th Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.
- 11. Defendant Ashland Chemical Company, a Division of Ashland Oil, Inc., ("Ashland") is a Kentucky corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Russell, Kentucky.
- 12. Defendant Bailey Controls Co. (f/k/a Bailey Meter Company) ("Bailey") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 29801 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.
- 13. Defendant BASF Corporation (f/k/a and d/b/a Inmont Corporation and as successor to Wyandotte Chemical Corp.)

  ("BASF") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.
- 14. Defendant Becton-Dickinson & Co., Inc. ("Becton-Dickinson") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct

business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at One Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417.

- 15. Defendant Belfort Instrument Co. ("Belfort") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 727 S. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231-3536.
- 16. Defendant Belmont Metals, Inc. (f/k/a Belmont Smelting & Refining Works, Inc.) ("Belmont") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 330 Belmont Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11207.
- 17. Defendant Canadian Gypsum Company, Ltd. ("Gypsum") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 256 Rochester, Winnipeg, MB R3T 3W2.
- 18. Defendant Canrad, Inc. ("Canrad") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 100 Chestnut Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07105.
- 19. Defendant Columbia University ("Columbia") is an educational institution in the State of New York which is authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at President's Office, c/o Dr. George Rupp, University President, 116 Stanton Street, New York, New York 10002-1500.
- 20. Defendant Conopco, Inc. (Cheseborough Ponds USA Co. Division) ("Cheseborough") did or does conduct business in the State of New JErsey and has a principal place of business at 33 Benedict Plaza, Box 6000, Greenwich, Connecticut, 06836.

- 21. Defendant Crouse-Hinds Sepco Corporation (f/k/a Connecticut International) ("Crouse") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1200 Kennedy Road, Windsor, Connecticut 06095.
- 22. Defendant Cosan Chemical Corp. ("Cosan") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 400 14th Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.
- 23. Defendant Crown Zellerbach Corp. (n/k/a James River Corporation of Nevada) ("Crown") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a registered agent at The Corporation Trust Co., 820 Bear Tavern Road, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628.
- 24. Defendant Curtiss-Wright is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1200 Wall Street West, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071.
- 25. Defendant D.F. Goldsmith Chemical & Metal Corporation ("Goldsmith") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 909 Pitner Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60602.
- 26. Defendant Day & Baldwin (f/k/a C-P Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a registered agent at U.S. Corp. Company, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.
- 27. Defendant Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company (n/k/a Occidental Electrochemicals Corporation) ("Diamond") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New

Jersey and has a registered agent at The Corporation Trust Company, 820 Bear Tavern Road, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628.

- 28. Defendant Dow-Corning Corporation ("Dow") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at P.O. Box 994, Midland, Michigan 48674.
- 29. Defendant Dura Electric Lamp Co., Inc. ("Dura") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 62 E. Bigelow Street, Newark, New Jersey 07114.
- 30. Defendant Duracell, Inc. (as successor to Mallory Battery Company, Inc.) ("Mallory") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Berkshire Industrial Bank, Bethel, Connecticut 06501.
- 31. Defendant E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc. ("DuPont") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1007 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19898.
- 32. Defendant Eastern Smelting & Refining Corporation ("Eastern") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 37-39 Bubier Street, Lynn, Massachusetts 01901.
- 33. Defendant Englehard Minerals and Chemicals Corporation ("Englehard") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington Delaware 19801.

- 34. Defendant Environmental Control Systems ("ECS") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 40 Norwell Drive, North Branford, Connecticut 06471-1818.
- Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 225 East John W. Carpenter Parkway, Irving, Texas 10537.
- 36. Defendant Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") is an agency of the United States of America which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591.
- 37. Defendant FMC Corporation ("FMC") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 200 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601.
- 38. Defendant Garfield Baring Corporation (f/k/a Garfield Smelting & Refining Co.) ("Garfield") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a Registered Agent at c/o Edward J. Bakes, 1305 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.
- 39. Defendant General Color Co., Inc. ("General Color") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 24 B Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114-2652.
- 40. Defendant General Signal Corporation ("General Signal") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of

New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut 06904.

- 41. Defendant Gilmartin Instrument Co. ("Gilmartin") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a Registered Agent at c/o Phyllis A. Gilmartin, 91 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030.
- 42. Defendant Hartford Electric Supply Co., Inc.

  ("Hartford") did or does conduct business in the State of New
  Jersey and has a principal place of business at 571 New Park

  Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut, 06110-1347.
- 43. Defendant Henkel Corporation ("Henkel") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 2200 Renaissance Boulevard, Suite 200, (Gulph Mills), King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406.
- 44. Defendant Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. ("Hoffman-LaRoche") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 340 Kingsland Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110.
- 45. Defendant Hudsar, Incorporated ("Hudsar") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 373 South Street, Newark, New Jersey 07015.
- 46. Defendant Inmar Associates, Inc. ("Inmar Associates") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

- 47. Defendant Inmar Realty, Inc. ("Inmar Realty") is or was a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. On or about December 30, 1976, Inmar Realty caused its corporate name to be changed to Inmar Associates, Inc., and caused its articles of incorporation to be amended accordingly.
- 48. Defendant International Nickel, Inc. ("Nickel") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Park 80 West Plaza Two, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662.
- 49. Defendant J.M. Ney Company ("Ney") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Ney Industrial Park, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.
- 50. Defendant K.E.M. Chemical Company ("K.E.M.") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 545 S. Fulton Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550-5099.
- 51. Defendant Koppers (n/k/a Beazer East, Inc.) ("Koppers") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 436 Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.
- 52. Defendant Magnesium Elektron, Inc., successor to Melberk (a joint venture between Magnesium Elektron, Inc. and F. W. Berk & Company, Inc.) ("Magnesium"), is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 500 Point Breeze Road, Flemington, New Jersey 08822.

- 53. Defendant Marvin H. Mahan ("Mahan") is a natural person who did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and resides at 2250 Windsor Way, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

  Defendant Mahan is or was the Chairman of the Board, President, and upon information and belief, the largest shareholder of Defendant Inmar Associates, Inc. at all times relevant to this complaint. Defendant Mahan also was President of Defendant Inmar Realty, Inc., President of Defendant Sparrow Realty, Inc., President of Defendant Scientific Chemical Treatment Co., Inc., an officer of Defendant Scientific, Inc. and a shareholder of Defendant Transtech Industries, Inc.
- 54. Defendant Mallinckrodt Chemical, Inc. ("Mallinckrodt") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 16305 Swingley Ridge Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017.
- 55. Defendant Marisol, Inc. ("Marisol") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 125 Factory Lane, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846.
- 56. Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, New Jersey 07065.
- 57. Defendant Mercury Enterprise, Inc. (f/k/a Mercury Instrument) ("Mercury") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Mercury Instrument Service, 3 Alto Road, Burlington, Connecticut 06013-1905.

- 58. Defendant Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company ("3M") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 3M Center, St. Paul, Minnesota 55144.
- 59. Defendant Mobil Oil Corporation ("Mobil") is a New York corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 150 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.
- 60. Defendant Mt. Union College is an educational institution in the State of Ohio which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1972 Clark Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601-3993.
- 61. Defendant M.W. Kellogg Co. ("Kellogg") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 601 Jefferson Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002.
- 62. Defendant National Lead Company (Goldsmith Brothers Division) ("National Lead") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 44 State Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07303.
- 63. Defendant Nepera, Inc., ("Nepera") is a New York corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Route 17, Harriman, New York 10926.
- 64. Defendant New England Laminates Company, Inc., ("NELCO") is a Connecticut corporation authorized to conduct

business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Elm Street, Waldon, New York 12586.

- 65. Defendant New Jersey Institute of Technology (f/k/a Newark College of Engineering) ("NJIT") is an educational institution in the State of New Jersey which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at University Heights, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
- 66. Defendant New York City Transit Authority ("NYCTA") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at New York Transit Authority, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201.
- 67. Defendant Northeast Chemical Co. (Northeast Chemical & Industrial Supply Co., Inc.) ("Northeast") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 7 Thompson Lane, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.
- 68. Defendant Occidental Chemical Corporation, formerly known as Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., and Diamond Shamrock Corporation ("Occidental"), is a New York corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Occidental Tower 5005, LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75244.
- 69. Defendant Olin Corporation (f/k/a Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation) ("Oling") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 120 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06904.

- 70. Defendant Pease & Curren, Inc. ("Pease & Curren") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 75 Pennsylvania Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.
- 71. Defendant Pfizer, Inc. ("Pfizer") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.
- 72. Defendant PSG Industries, Inc. (f/k/a Philadelphia Scientific Glass, Inc.) ("PSG") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1225 Tunnel Road, Perkasie, Pennsylvania 18944.
- 73. Defendant Phillips & Jacobs, Inc. ("Phillips & Jacobs") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 15 Twinbridge Drive, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110-4201.
- 74. Defendant Public Service Electric & Gas ("PSE&G") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 80 Park Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
- 75. Defendant Pure Lab of America ("Pure") did or does business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 291 Washington Street, Westwood Massachusetts, 02090.
- 76. Defendant Randolph Products Co. ("Randolph") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Park Place East, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072.

- 77. Defendant Ray-O-Vac Division of ESB, Inc. ("ESB") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 55 Versailles Court, Trenton, New Jersey 08619.
- 78. Defendant Redland Minerals Limited, successor to F. W. Berk & Company, Limited, is a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of Great Britain which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Redland House, Reigate, Surrey, England (U.K.) RH2 OSJ. As set out below, F. W. Berk & Company, Limited owned and controlled F. W. Berk & Company, Inc. and Carlstadt Development and Trading Co., both of which were organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland and both of which maintained offices and were authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey.
- 79. Defendant Rhône-Poulenc, Inc. (f/k/a Alcolac Chemical Company/Guard Chemical Company) ("RPI") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 125 Black Horse Lane, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852.
- 80. Defendant Royce Associates (f/k/a Royce Chemical) ("Royce") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a registered agent at W.J. Donnellon, 35 Carlton Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073.
- 81. Defendant Rutgers, The State University ("Rutgers") is an educational institution in the State of New Jersey which conducts business in the State of New Jersey and has a registered

agent at c/o Jean W. Sidar, Room 207 - Old Queens Rutgers, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

- 82. Defendant Scientific Chemical Processing, Inc. ("SCP") is a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 18 Glen Road, Rutherford, New Jersey and a place of business at 216 Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07070.
- 83. Defendant Scientific Chemical Treatment Company, Inc. ("SCTC") is or was a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a registered office at 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, Delaware and an office at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. On or about March 7, 1972, SCTC caused its corporate name to be changed to Scientific, Inc., and caused its articles of incorporation to be amended accordingly.
- 84. Defendant Scientific, Inc. ("Scientific") is or was a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey, has a principal place of business at Meadow Road, Box 1403, Edison, New Jersey 08817, and has an office at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. On or about June 17, 1986, Scientific caused its corporate name to be changed to Transtech Industries, Inc. and caused its articles of incorporation to be amended accordingly.
- 85. Defendant Seaforth Mineral & Ore Co. ("Seaforth") did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 3690 Orange Place, Suite 495, Cleveland, Ohio 44122.

- 86. Defendant Sparrow Realty, Inc. ("Sparrow") is or was a New Jersey corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. On or about February 28, 1969, Sparrow, Inmar Realty and other corporations entered into an agreement of merger such that Inmar Realty became the name of the surviving corporation formed by that merger. Inmar Associates is the successor to Inmar Realty and Sparrow for purposes of this action.
- 87. Defendant State University of New York at Buffalo (S.U.N.Y.A.B.) ("S.U.N.Y.") is an educational institution in the State of New York which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12222.
- 88. Defendant Sylvania/GTE did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1 Stamford Forum, Stamford, Connecticut 06901.
- 89. Defendant Tenneco, Inc. ("Tenneco") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1010 Milam Street, Houston, Texas 77002.
- 90. Defendant Transtech Industries, Inc. ("Transtech") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1703 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07075.
- 91. Defendant Uehling Instrument Co., Inc. ("Uehling") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New

Jersey and has a principal place of business at 473 Getty Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey 07503.

- 92. Defendant Union Carbide Corporation ("Union Carbide") is a New York corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 29 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06810.
- 93. Defendant Universal Oil Products Company ("UOP") is a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at Columbia Road and Park Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.
- 94. Defendant University of Illinois is an educational institution in the State of Illinois which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 364 Henry Administration Building, 506 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.
- 95. Defendant University of Minnesota is an educational institution in the State of Minnesota which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey with a principal place of business at President's Office, 100 Church Street South East, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.
- 96. Defendant Var-Lac-Oid Chemical Company, Inc. ("Var-Lac-Oid") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 13 Foster Street, P.O. Box 181, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621.
- 97. Defendant W.A. Baum Co., Inc. ("Baum") did of does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 620 Oak Street, Copiaque, New York 11726.

- 98. Defendant Wagner Electric Company ("Wagner") is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at R.D. 2 Box 280A, Pleasant Valley Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.
- 99. Defendant Western Michigan University is an educational institution in the State of Michigan which did or does conduct business in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business at 1300 Siebert Administration Building, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.
- 100. Defendant Westinghouse Electric Corporation
  ("Westinghouse") is a corporation authorized to conduct business
  in the State of New Jersey and has a principal place of business
  at 11 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.
- 101. Defendants John Doe 1-100 are as yet unidentified individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, joint ventures, and/or other persons.

#### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

## (Site History)

102. The "Site" refers to the following tract of real property located within the Berry's Creek Area, on which the operations of F. W. Berk & Company, Inc. and Wood Ridge Chemical Company were conducted:

An approximately 40-acre parcel located in Bergen County, New Jersey in the Boroughs of Wood Ridge and Carlstadt on the western bank of Berry's Creek within the Hackensack Meadowlands. The approximately 40-acre tract is comprised of the following Block/Lots: Block 229, Lot 10A, Borough of Wood Ridge (approximately 4 1/2 acres); Block 229, Lot 10B, Borough of Wood Ridge (approximately 2 1/2 acres); and Block 229, Lot 8, Borough of Wood Ridge; and Block 146, Lot 3, Borough of Carlstadt (approximately 33 acres).

103. The "Berry's Creek Area" refers to the following region:

The Site as well as the adjacent Berry's Creek and the contiguous tidal wetlands. The north and south boundaries, respectively, of the Berry's Creek Area are defined as the creek from its headwaters just below Teterboro Airport (Moonachie Road) down to the Hackensack River.

- 104. F. W. Berk & Company, Inc. ("Berk US") and Carlstadt Development & Trading Co. ("CD&T") both were incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on or about April 13, 1929.
- 105. From 1929 through 1943, Berk US leased the Site from CD&T and conducted mercury processing and other operations at a manufacturing facility there (the "Plant"), which operations resulted in the release of hazardous substances at, into, from, and/or around the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.
- 106. In 1943, title to the Site was transferred from CD&T to Berk US, CD&T was dissolved, and Berk US continued to operate the Plant, which operations continued to result in the release of hazardous substances at, into, from, and/or around the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.
- 107. During the 1950s, Magnesium and Berk US formed a joint venture and leased a portion of the Site under the name "Melberk." Melberk conducted manufacturing operations on the Site which resulted in the release of hazardous substances at, into, from, and/or around the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.
- 108. At all relevant times, F.W. Berk & Company, Limited ("Berk UK") owned and wholly controlled the corporate actions and activities of Berk US and CD&T to such an extent that Berk US and CD&T were alter egos of Berk UK, and to the extent that the mind and will of Berk US and CD&T were not independent of, but were

identical with, the mind and will of Berk UK. Berk UK's control over Berk US and CD&T and its involvement in ongoing operations of the Plant were pervasive and affected all aspects of the business and operations of Berk US and CD&T, including the release of hazardous substances at and around the Site.

Accordingly, Berk UK was an owner and/or operator of the Site from 1929 through 1956 and is responsible for all of the activities of Berk US and CD&T at the Site during such period of time, including any and all release of hazardous substances at, into, from, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

109. In 1956, Berk UK sold its interest in Berk US to George W. Taylor. In 1960, Wood Ridge Chemical Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Velsicol, purchased the Site. Thereafter, Berk US was dissolved.

110. On or about January 3, 1966, Berk UK changed its name to Berk Limited. Thereafter, its name was changed to Steetley Chemicals Limited (March 28, 1977), Steetley Berk Limited (December 31, 1986), Steetley Minerals Limited (April 20, 1988) and, finally, to Redland Minerals Limited (November 1, 1993). For the entire period from 1891 to the present time, the registered number of the corporation as shown on the English Companies Register has remained the same: 34597. Redland Minerals Limited ("Redland") is, therefore, the successor to Berk UK.

111. From 1960 until 1968, Wood Ridge Chemical Corp. owned the Site and operated the Plant on the approximately seven acres of the Site defined as Block 229, Lots 10A and 10B, in the Boroughs of Wood-Ridge and Carlstadt. In 1967, Wood Ridge

Chemical Corp. declared a land dividend to Velsicol of approximately 33 acres within the Site defined as Block 229, Lot 8 and Block 146, Lot 3. In 1986, Block 229, Lot 8 and Block 146, Lot 3 were conveyed to NWI Land Management. In 1968, Velsicol sold all of the stock of Wood Ridge Chemical Corp. to Ventron Corporation ("Ventron").

- 112. From 1968 until 1974, Ventron, a predecessor in interest to Morton International, Inc. ("Morton"), owned the approximately 7-acre portion of the Site identified as Block 229, Lots 10A and 10B, in the Borough of Wood Ridge, and Wood Ridge Chemical Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ventron, continued to operate the Plant.
- 113. Defendants A.E. Staley, AIRCO, ALCOA, Allied, Cyanamid, Bailey, BASF, Becton-Dickinson, Belfort, Belmont, Gypsum, Canrad, Cheseborough, Columbia, Cosan, Crouse, Crown, Curtiss-Wright, Goldsmith, Day & Baldwin, Diamond, Dow, Dura, Hartford, Mallory, Eastern, DuPont, Englehard, ECS, FAA, FMC, Garfield, General Color, General Signal, Gilmartin, Hudsar, Nickel, Ney, K.E.M., Koppers, Kellogg, Magnesium, Mallinckrodt, Merck, Mercury, Mt. Union College, National Lead, NJIT, NYCTA, Northeast, Occidental, Olin, Pease & Curren, Pfizer, Phillips & Jacobs, PSE&G, PSG, Pure, Redland, RPI, Randolph, ESB, Royce, Rutgers, Seaforth, S.U.N.Y., Sylvania/GTE, Tenneco, Uehling, Union Carbide, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, Var-Lac-Oid, Baum, Wagner, Western Michigan University and Westinghouse (hereinafter referred to as the "Site Defendants") at all times relevant hereto owned and/or possessed hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances and by contract,

agreement, or otherwise arranged with former owners or operators of the Plant located on the Site, for the treatment and/or disposal of such hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances at the Site from which such hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released at, into, from, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

## (SCP Carlstadt Site History)

- acres of land abutting Peach Island Creek and having a street address of 216 Paterson Plank Road, in the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey, more specifically identified as Block 124, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the official tax map of the Borough of Carlstadt, New Jersey. At all times relevant hereto, the SCP Carlstadt Site was operated as a facility for the receipt, delivery, transportation, treatment, processing, resale and/or disposal of materials which include "hazardous substances" as that term is defined in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(14).
- 115. On or about November 29, 1969, Defendant Sparrow bought Lots 1 and 5 of the SCP Carlstadt Site and remained the record owner of Lots 1 and 5 through 1969.
- 116. On or about February 23, 1967, Defendant Sparrow purchased and became the record owner of Lots 3 and 4 of the SCP Carlstadt Site.
- 117. On or about February 28, 1969, Defendant Sparrow merged with and became known as Inmar Realty, at which time Defendant Inmar Realty became the record owner of Lots 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the SCP Carlstadt Site.

- 118. On or about December 30, 1976, Defendant Inmar Associates became the record owner of Lots 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the SCP Carlstadt Site when Inmar Realty changed its name to Defendant Inmar Associates, Inc.
- 119. On or about September 20, 1977, Defendant Inmar Associates purchased and became the record owner of Lot 2 of the SCP Carlstadt Site.
- 120. From 1977 continuing through the present, Defendant Inmar Associates is and was the owner of Lots 1 through 5, inclusive, of the SCP Carlstadt Site.
- 121. From a date not yet ascertained by Plaintiffs and continuing through 1970, Defendants SCTC and/or its successors Scientific and/or Transtech, and/or Mahan operated a facility at the SCP Carlstadt Site for the receipt, delivery, storage, treatment, processing, resale, and/or disposal of hazardous substances.
- 122. From approximately 1970 continuing through 1980, and at other times not yet ascertained by Plaintiffs, Defendant Inmar Associates and/or its predecessors Inmar Realty and/or Sparrow leased the SCP Carlstadt Site or portions thereof to SCP.
- 123. Beginning on or about 1970 and continuing until at least 1980, Defendant SCP operated a facility at the SCP Carlstadt Site for the receipt, delivery, storage, treatment, processing, resale, and/or disposal of hazardous substances.
- 124. Defendants Cyanamid, Ashland, BASF, Diamond, Occidental, Englehard, Mallory, Olin, Westinghouse, Tenneco, ALCOA, Exxon, Randolph, Allied, DuPont, Pfizer, Merck, Marisol, Mobil, 3M, NELCO, Hoffman-LaRoche, Nepera, and Union Carbide

(hereinafter referred to as the "SCP Generator Defendants,") at all times relevant to this Complaint, owned and/or possessed hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances and by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the treatment and/or disposal of such hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances at the SCP Carlstadt Site from which such hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released at, into, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

125. Defendants Transtech, Inmar Associates, Inmar Realty, SCP, SCTC, Scientific, Sparrow, and Mahan (hereinafter referred to as the "SCP Owner/Operator Defendants,") are and/or were at all times relevant to this Complaint the owners and/or operators of the SCP Carlstadt Site at the time hazardous substances were disposed at the Carlstadt Site which have resulted and/or continue to result in a release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at, into, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

126. At all times relevant hereto, hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released from the SCP Carlstadt Site at, into, and/or around the Berry's Creek Area and/or the Site.

# (Contributing Sites)

127. At all times relevant hereto, hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released at, into, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area from properties and/or facilities located near, adjacent to, upgradient from, and/or otherwise hydrogeologically-connected to the Site and/or the

Berry's Creek Area (hereinafter referred to as the "Contributing Sites").

128. Defendants Allied, BASF, Diamond, Occidental, Henkel, Randolph, Arsynco, Cosan, and UOP (hereinafter referred to as the "Direct Discharge Defendants") at all times relevant to this Complaint: (i) are or were the owners and/or operators of one or more Contributing Sites at which hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances have been disposed and from which such hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released at, into, or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area; and/or (ii) owned and/or possessed hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances and by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the treatment and/or disposal of such hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances at the Contributing Sites from which such hazardous substances have been and/or are continuing to be released at, into, and/or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

# (Other Defendants)

129. Defendants John Doe 1-100 are as yet unidentified individuals, corporations, partnerships, associates, joint ventures, and/or other persons who: (i) owned, operated, and/or participated in the ownership and/or operation of the Site, the SCP Carlstadt Site, and/or one or more Contributing Sites; (ii) by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for disposal and/or treatment, and/or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal and/or treatment, of hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances owned and/or

possessed by such persons which are or were released and/or threatened to be released at, into, from, and/or around the Site and/or Berry's Creek Area; and/or (iii) accepted any hazardous substances for transport for disposal and/or treatment at one or more facilities from which there is or was a release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at, into, or around the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area.

## (Response Activities)

130. Plaintiffs have incurred and will continue to incur costs and expenses, including costs to perform a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in order to investigate and address environmental conditions, including contamination by hazardous substances, at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.

### FIRST COUNT

### (CERCLA)

- 131. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 130 of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 132. Plaintiffs and Defendants are each "persons" within the meaning of Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(21).
- 133. The Site and Berry's Creek Area are, and were at times relevant hereto, "facilities" within the meaning of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42, U.S.C. §9601(9).
- 134. At all times relevant hereto and at the time of disposal and/or release and/or threatened release at the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area of one or more "hazardous

substances," as that term is defined in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(14), Redland, the Site Defendants, the SCP Generator Defendants, the Direct Discharge Defendants, and the John Doe 1-100 Defendants owned and/or possessed hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances and by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the treatment and/or disposal of such hazardous substances and/or materials containing hazardous substances at the Site and/or Berry's Creek Area, and, therefore, are liable parties under Section 107(a)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a)(3).

135. At all times relevant hereto and at the time of disposal and/or release and/or threatened release at the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area of one or more "hazardous substances," as that term is defined in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(14), Redland, Magnesium, the SCP Owner/Operator Defendants, the Direct Discharge Defendants, and the John Doe 1-100 Defendants are and/or were at the time of disposal of hazardous substances, owners and/or operators of facilities from which there has been and/or continues to be a release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances to the Berry's Creek Area and/or the Site and, therefore, are liable parties under Section 107(a)(1) and/or (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a)(1) and/or (2).

136. As a result of the actions of Defendants as referenced in Paragraphs 1 through 135 above, a "release" and/or "threatened release," as those terms are defined in Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(22), of hazardous substances has

occurred, is continuing to occur, and at all relevant times hereto was occurring, at the Site and/or Berry's Creek Area.

- 137. Plaintiffs have incurred and will continue to incur costs to investigate and/or otherwise respond to the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area described above, within the meaning of Section 101(25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(25).
- and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area and the costs incurred incident thereto were and are necessary and undertaken in a manner consistent with the National Contingency Plan, which is set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 300.
- 139. Plaintiffs have satisfied any and all conditions precedent to the undertaking of response actions, the incurrence of response costs, and to the recovery of such costs from Defendants under CERCLA.
- 140. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a), each Defendant is strictly liable to Plaintiffs, jointly and severally, for all response costs, including costs and prejudgment interest, incurred and to be incurred by Plaintiffs in connection with the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.
- 141. Under Section 113(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9613(f), Plaintiffs are entitled to contribution from Defendants for Defendants' equitable share of all liability, response costs, and damages incurred and to be incurred by Plaintiffs in connection with the Site and Berry's Creek Area.

#### SECOND COUNT

### (Spill Act)

- 142. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 141 of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 143. The New Jersey Spill Compensation and Control Act (the "Spill Act") provides, in pertinent part at N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11g(c), that:

Any person who has discharged a hazardous substance or is in any way responsible for any hazardous substance . . . shall be strictly liable, jointly and severally, without regard to fault for all clean up and removal costs.

- 144. Each Defendant is a "person" as defined in the Spill Act at N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11b.
- 145. At all times relevant hereto, each Defendant discharged hazardous substances and/or is otherwise responsible for the discharge of hazardous substances at the Site and/or Berry's Creek Area.
- 146. As a result of the actions of Defendants as referenced in Paragraphs 1 through 145 above, "hazardous substances," as defined in the Spill Act at N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11b(k), have been discharged at the Site and/or Berry's Creek Area.
- 147. Each Defendant is strictly liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for all clean-up and removal costs at the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area, pursuant to N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11g(c).
- 148. N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11f provides, in pertinent part, that:

- (2) Whenever one or more dischargers or persons cleans up and removes the discharge of a hazardous substance, those dischargers and persons shall have a right of contribution against all other dischargers and persons in any way responsible for a discharged hazardous substance who are liable for the cost of clean up and removal of that discharge of hazardous substance.
- 149. Plaintiffs have satisfied any and all conditions precedent to cleaning up and removing the discharge of hazardous substances at the Site and at the Berry's Creek Area, the incurrence of costs associated with such activities, and to the recovery of such costs from Defendants under the Spill Act.
- 150. Because Plaintiffs have cleaned up and removed discharges of hazardous substances and will continue in the future to clean up and remove discharges of hazardous substances at and/or from the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area within the meaning of the Spill Act, Defendants are liable in contribution to Plaintiffs pursuant to N.J.S.A. §58:10-23.11f.

#### THIRD COUNT

# (Declaratory Judgment)

- 151. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 150 of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 152. An actual, substantial, and justiciable controversy exists between Defendants and Plaintiffs regarding their respective rights and obligations for the response costs and/or damages that have been and will be incurred in connection with the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.

Defendants under Section 113(g)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9613(g)(2), and the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§2201, 2202, holding Defendants strictly liable, jointly and severally, for all and/or Defendants' equitable share of the response costs incurred and to be incurred by Plaintiffs at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area that will be binding in any subsequent action to recover further response costs or damages.

154. Pursuant to Section 113(g)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9613(g)(2), and 28 U.S.C. §§2201, 2202, Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaration from this Court that Defendants are strictly liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for all and/or Defendants' equitable share of the response costs and damages incurred or to be incurred by Plaintiffs at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area.

#### FOURTH COUNT

## (Contribution)

155. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 154 of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.

156. To the extent Plaintiffs have incurred damages and response costs and will continue to incur damages and response costs in the future in connection with the Site and/or the Berry's Creek Area, Defendants are liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for contribution pursuant to Plaintiffs' right of contribution arising under federal and state common law and applicable statutes.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs hereby demand that this Court:

- A. Enter a judgment against Defendants, pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607, that Defendants are strictly liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for all response costs and damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in connection with the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;
- B. In the alternative, enter a judgment against
  Defendants, pursuant to Section 113(f) of CERCLA, 42
  U.S.C. §9613(f), that Defendants are strictly liable to
  Plaintiffs for Defendants' fair, equitable, and
  proportionate contribution for all response costs and
  damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in
  connection with the release and/or threatened release
  of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and
  the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the
  proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent
  recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;
- C. Enter a declaratory judgment against Defendants, pursuant to Sections 107 and 113(g) of CERCLA, 42
  U.S.C. §9607, 9613(g), that Defendants are strictly liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for all response costs and damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in connection with the release

- and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;
- D. In the alternative, enter a declaratory judgment against Defendants, pursuant to Section 113(f) and (g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9613(f), (g), that Defendants are strictly liable to Plaintiffs for Defendants' fair, equitable, and proportionate contribution for all response costs and damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in connection with the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;
- E. Enter a judgment against Defendants, pursuant to Section 58:10-23.11g(c) of the Spill Act that Defendants are strictly liable, jointly and severally, to Plaintiffs for all costs and damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in connection with the clean up and/or removal of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;

- F. Enter a judgment against Defendants, pursuant to Section 58:10-23.11f of the Spill Act that Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs for Defendants' fair, equitable, and proportionate contribution for all costs and damages that Plaintiffs have incurred and will incur in connection with the clean up and/or removal of hazardous substances at, onto, or from the Site and the Berry's Creek Area in an amount according to the proof at trial, plus attorneys' fees (to the extent recoverable), costs, and prejudgment interest;
- G. Enter a judgment against Defendants under federal and/or state common law that Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs in contribution for Defendants' fair, equitable, and proportionate share of all liability, response costs, and damages incurred and to be incurred in connection with any environmental contamination at the Site and the Berry's Creek Area; and

H. Enter a judgment against Defendants for Plaintiffs' costs, attorneys' fees, and interest, and all such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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